**Assessment Advisory Board**

**Mission:**

The mission of the Assessment Advisory Board (AAB) is to advise the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment on assessment-related issues. Specifically, members of this committee provide feedback on proposed assessment policies, procedures, and activities; act as assessment liaisons to the major academic units on campus, and work as proponents of effective campus-wide assessment.

**2020-2021 Members:**

Deb Allen, Mandy Barrington, Ryan Weatherbee, Robin Delcourt, John Hwalek, George Criner, Nancy Lewis, Tim Cole, Shannon McCoy, Dmitri Markovitch, Mark Haggerty, William Livingston, Sidney Mitchell

**2020-2021 Summary:**

The Assessment Advisory Board met monthly throughout the fall and spring. During the fall semester, the meetings of the Board focused on the following.

* *Reviewing assessment plans and reports.* The Board spent the majority of meetings reviewing and discussing the three-year assessment plans/reports submitted by the College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture and developing feedback for the units. Further, Board members met with individual units to discuss the feedback.
* *Approving modifications to the University of Maine Assessment Plan*. The Board approved a waiver process from the yearly reporting expectation for accredited programs.
* *Exploring tools.* The Board was given a demo and offered an opportunity to provide feedback on the piloting use of the Brightspace learning outcomes assessment tools.

**2021-2022 Goals:**

The following will be among the priorities for the work of the Board for the upcoming year.

* Review submitted assessment plans and reports
* Assist with reviewing accreditors for the waiver process
* Provide assistance to OIRA in developing an assessment process for graduate programs
* Provide feedback on OIRA’s assessment data management and tools